Dangerous substances and preparations: azocolourants in textiles and leather (19th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE : to amend for the nineteenth time the Council Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (azocolourants). CONTENTS : In order to protect human health and also to preserve the single market, this proposal prohibits the use of dangerous azocolourants, and the placing on the market of some textiles and leather articles coloured with such substances. The test methods to be used refer to the official German analytic measure, currently used worldwide. The costs to industry will be minor since most companies have already adapted to national bans and developed substitutes.